



# SIMROOTS



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FROM THE PAST, THROUGH THE PRESENT, FOR THE FUTURE

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## FROM THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Friends,

This issue of **SIMROOTS** has been a long time coming. There have been many developments regarding **SIMROOTS** since the last issue you received. Not knowing just how to break the news, and waiting for a final conclusion on the subject has resulted in my putting off this issue.

Sometime during the holidays, I believe you received a letter from SIM USA explaining the lack of funds to continue the MK department. However, there are certain aspects of the department that will be absorbed into other areas. **SIMROOTS** is valued by SIM USA as a very positive avenue of ministry to their MK's. Unfortunately, **SIMROOTS** has been part of the department that has to go—financially. In consideration of their interest in helping **SIMROOTS** survive, SIM USA has agreed to finance it for one more year *during which time we must raise our own finances in order to continue.* We can do it!

As we receive sufficient funds to produce an issue (approximately \$2000 per issue), SIM USA will be glad to print it, collate it, and mail it as they have been doing. The only hindrance to continuing it is the lack of money.

SO... it's truly up to us! Will **SIMROOTS** die? How much do we care? Some of us will care a lot, others won't care at all. One thing is for sure, John Price and I (Cherry) won't be financing it to keep it running! So until the money is in the account (still to be kept at SIM USA—please carefully mark any donations you send specifically for **SIMROOTS**), we won't do an issue, but when it's there, we will!

A five dollar per person per year donation is required for the ongoing publication of **SIMROOTS**. We need to start collecting the money now—this year—to be prepared for next year's issues. So that's the deal. Five dollars per person isn't a great burden, and at the same time, it will keep **SIMROOTS** going! Checks should be made out to and sent to SIM USA (in care of Bob Blaschke would be fine). I repeat—**please mark them specifically for SIMROOTS.**

By the way, Bob Blaschke, who has been our SIM USA connection, will continue to be our go-between. Please feel free to call him or write him if you have a need or request. He is genuinely concerned and interested in us MK's. Enclosed with this issue is a letter from him explaining the situation from SIM USA's viewpoint.

There has been a tremendous show of interest in what we're doing, and the dialogue has been interesting, to say the least. In just about every piece that's been written, there is something I can identify with or at least understand. My feeling is that there is value in what we're doing, so I encourage you to continue.

Since writing this issue back in October, I have received many letters and articles. Because of the delay in getting this one out, it

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## Replacement Needed

Did you know that the professional look of **SIMROOTS** is the result of Scott Sheppard's desktop publishing ability and his volunteered time? For the last couple of years, Scott has worked hard on each issue to see that it comes out looking good! Unfortunately for us, (but not for them!) Scott and his wife, Brenda (Adams), are on their way to Liberia with SIM USA this year, and **SIMROOTS** is now in need of a replacement for Scott!

Is there someone "out there" with desktop publishing knowledge and availability who would

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will be a while before I can print them, but hold on. We'll get them into the next one. I hope it will be back on schedule! Do continue to send them!

Just a quick reminder—when you send articles and letters, address changes, and requests, **include your high school graduation year** (U.S. system), **your maiden name**, and **the schools you attended**. Without this information, we can't find you on the computer and/or you will not be filed with your class! Thanks!

*The following is a memo from Bob Blaschke (mentioned above) regarding the recent **SIM-ROOTS** changes:*

"Financial constraints have been causing some major restructuring in the SIM USA office. The U.S. Council accepted the recommendation of its finance committee to reduce each department budget by 20-25%. However, MK Ministries budget was eliminated. **SIMROOTS** is one area of MK Ministries that has been affected.

"SIM USA has been paying the **SIMROOTS** bills including telephone, computer, printing, and mailing. The cost amounts to around \$2000 per issue. A lot of volunteer hours also go into the compiling, editing, layout and preparation for printing and distribution.

"For many, **SIMROOTS** has come "into its own" by serving as a forum for MK's to support and be supportive of each other. It is opening the eyes and hearts of missionary parents and administrators as to the impact cross-cultural living has on their families. What a shame to let this valuable tool die now! I am calling on each of you to rise to the challenge to cover the costs of this vital publication. Voluntary gifts this (last) year have only amounted to \$400.

"If you have any ideas call me at (803) 548-3196 or write to me at 2135 Manawa Ln., Tega Cay, SC 29715."

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## SIM's MK MINISTRY

### HISTORY

Two major events launched the establishment of SIM's Ministry of MK Care and Education. First the approval, on June 1, 1983, of the job description of a ministry of care for missionary families focusing on their children. Then the General Council, of April 1984, mandated the General Director to establish a commission that, after appropriate study, would "formulate a plan to provide education for missionary children suitable for the times in which we live".

The Blaschkes were assigned to develop these two aspects of MK ministry on a part-time basis while still functioning as missionaries-in-residence at LeTourneau University. A growing involvement with other mission organizations

with equal burden for MK care and education resulted in SIM's involvement in all three International Conferences on MKs. The need for mission agencies to assume a greater role in caring for their MKs has become a world-wide issue. MK Ministries became a full time ministry for SIM in 1985. In 1988 the International Council created the part-time post of International MK Education Coordinator to work with MK Ministries in the US National Office. Bob Blaschke was appointed to this position which continues to the present.

### SIGNIFICANCE

SIM's logo says "People...Reaching People...Reaching Others". SIM is one of a few mission agencies that has taken seriously the responsibility for the care of her own people by having a ministry that addresses family and

MK issues.

In the USA this care begins right in SIMCO with an MK geared orientation, then on-the-field provision of MK educational options and extensive college preparation packets. We alert supporting churches of the college location of their MKs. We are involved in Transition seminars, college visits, greeting cards and small gifts for special occasions. This helps to ease the sense of loss from being so far from their families and give MKs a feeling of belonging to the SIM family.

There is also continuing contact with adult MKs at reunions, by correspondence and through the printing and the distribution of SIM's MK publication, **SIM-ROOTS**.



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Here is perhaps an extreme case, yet nevertheless real, of one MK's gratefulness for SIM's provision of an MK department:

"...some of my struggles, the poor coping mechanism, the loss of hope and thoughts of suicide, then the long road to healing. From start to finish, SIM USA's MK department has been there caring, understanding, praying, counseling..."

### FUTURE

With the removal of the MK Ministries from SIM USA the Lord has opened opportunity for an even wider ministry to MKs by way of a contract agreement signed between SIM and INTERACTION, INC.'s Director, Dave Pollock. The services of being advisors and resource people for SIM as well as other missions will continue through Bob and Carol Lee Blaschke's part time

work with Interaction, Inc. The goals will include the following:

- cultivating continuing relationships with MK's through such things as meeting with them during parents' furlough;
- enlisting a network of prayer groups and care givers of both churches and individuals;
- to encourage adult MKs to form support groups for college MKs such as MuKappa and
- stimulate SIM MKs to completely care for the cost of printing and mailing **SIMROOTS** by the end of 1990.

Bob Blaschke is still SIM International's MK Education Coordinator. The Blaschkes are supported and cared for by SIM USA, but they must raise a budget, through SIM, for MK ministry work with INTERACTION.

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be willing and able to continue the job that Scott has so ably begun? If so, please make "application" to Cherry Sabathné (see address and phone number on page 2) as soon as possible. Who knows what the next issue will look like unless someone takes his place?

As for Scott and Brenda, we wish you God's best as you venture into something new. Many thanks to Scott for the many hours he has spent working with **SIMROOTS**!

Fun  and  
Sun  in  
**Liberia!!**



Join us for the

## ELWA REUNION '90



Where?

- Houghton College, Houghton, New York

When?

- June 27-30, 1990 (Supper Wednesday through Breakfast Saturday)

What will it cost?

- \$8.00 per night for room
- \$11.25 per day for meals
- Total price: \$60 per person (3 nights, 8 meals)

How do you sign up?

- Fill out the coupon below
- Enclose the Registration Fee: \$15 per person (will apply to your total bill)
- Mail to Ray and Dottie Coddington  
Box 42  
Houghton, NY 14744

What's the purpose?

- A time for praising God together
- A time for spiritual refreshing and praying
- A time for fellowshiping and playing
- A time for updating and future planning (like the "World by 2000" project)
- A time for reminiscing and sharing with films, slides, scrapbooks and photos

Who's coming?

- Former ELWA staff, retired or retreaded
- Present ELWA people, on furlough
- MK's, Liberian associates, special friends

Cut off date: Friday, June 1, 1990

### The ELWA Reunion

June 27-30, 1990

Houghton College, New York

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to Houghton College/ELWA)



## SIMROOTS

### Mailing Lists

Mailing lists are available to you on press-on labels or 8 1/2 x 11 paper. Send requests in writing to John Price, P.O. Box 165209, Miami, FL. 33116.

Complete master list \$20.00

All smaller lists \$ 5.00

#### Lists Available

1. Complete master list
2. Lists by state, country or combination of states and countries
3. By the class or combination of classes
4. By the schools attended
5. By any combination of the above

Example: Want to know all MK's living in the state or country you will travel through? We can provide it. Want only your classmates in the state or country you will travel through? You can have that, too. Normal reply time is two weeks unless faster service is required.

### REUNION VIDEOTAPE

During the entire reunion, a videotape was cruising. People gave updates on themselves and their families and commented on whatever came to mind. It also captured the skits! This videotape is already out and available. I have seen it, and it is interesting!

Jack Long is handling the videotape if anyone is interested in having one. Here are the details:

1. Order it directly from Jack Long.
2. Orders must be in writing, no verbal orders by telephone.
3. Orders must be prepaid \$10.00 (U.S. dollars only). This covers the cost of the tape, the copying, and mailing.
4. Jack's address is 5469 S. Waco St., Aurora, CO 80015.

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOKS

SIM headquarters has a surplus of about 300 yearbooks from the 40th year K.A. reunion. They are available to us on a first come, first served basis **free of charge**. If you are interested in obtaining one, **contact Bob Blaschke** at the address on page 2.

A friend had given me one on her return from the reunion, and it truly is interesting. It includes stories and pictures of the very beginning of K.A. through to the present. I'm sure if you get hold of one, you will also enjoy it!

As a matter of interest, I heard a few days ago that K.A. will remain open indefinitely. Not too long ago there was talk of closing it.

## ICMK Review

*The following article is a summary of a report given at the last ICMK in Quito, Ecuador.*

### When Missionaries and MK's Hurt

Sharon Willmer, Presenter

#### Content

The main premise of this seminar was that all human beings suffer from psychological, emotional, and spiritual pain, and that this is as much true for the missionary and the MK as it is for anyone else. Therefore, we must find ways to alleviate this pain and deal with it directly instead of covering it up. It is important to face your pain and embrace it so that you can learn what God needs to teach you through it. If we embrace our pain rather than denying it, we learn more about ourselves, each other, and God. When we have dealt with our own pain, we will be in more of a position to help others with theirs. The church, though desiring to alleviate pain and suffering, is too often perpetuating the very hurt and pain it wishes to prevent. Sanctification is more accurately under-

stood when viewed as a divine "healing process" rather than as a divine "behavior modification program," and thus it occurs by the design of God Himself, not in isolation but rather in community. God's laws have no particular significance outside of a relational context, and the consequences of the Fall are most felt and experienced in a "divided self," "divided community," and alienation from God.

Missionaries and MK's have to handle a lot of pain because of their overseas experiences. For example, an MK grows up seeing the deep physical needs of people around him and then goes home to the (States) and has to adjust to the affluence and materialism there, and no one around him understands the inner pain he feels at these inequalities. Then, to compound the problem, the church burdens him with a "hero image" because he is an MK, and he feels he has to live up to these

high expectations. Rather than dealing with his feelings (seen as weakness), he suppresses them, which leads to a "divided self" which leads to more pain.

#### Application

Each of us needs to deal with the buried pain in his own life and to learn from it. Only then can we begin to really listen to MK's and try to understand what feelings lie behind what they are saying. Don't rush to give pat answers or spiritual platitudes as these do not deal with the problem directly. If there is a need for confession and repentance, allow the anger and grief to come and then repentance will follow. Through it all there needs to be a spirit of love, acceptance, tenderness, gentleness and respect. When someone shares his feelings he is sharing his most private self.



## Open Dialogue...

Thank you, Becky, for such a well-expressed article. I have read with great interest the book Letters I Never Wrote and each response to our plight trying to gain some insight into my own feelings. In all these responses I see elements of truth, and it seems as though we are flushing out the "whole picture". The bottom line is the meaning of "love".... Our past determines our capacity to understand and deal with love and all that gives us purpose in this life. If I am not "whole" in understanding love for self, how then

tained and hopeful in His working and will for our lives. But everything I hear and read about "our" experience is a "nugget of gold" in helping me to understand. For this there is great value and a reason for all that is expressed. So then, let's not cast stones, but empathize and build each other up for a common cause and from a common experience.

Another point to be made is that our past is hardly a matter of comparison with others far less fortunate. Being from another culture, it is an obvious matter to

I feel more must be said. What I'm about to tell you is very difficult and embarrassing for me.

My parents served two terms in Africa. The first was in a remote station in Niger. Our family became very closely knit due to our isolation. During our next term I went to K.A. for first through fourth grades. My stay there was a very unpleasant one. I did not adjust very well to being separated from my parents.

I had never been taught how to deal with teasing; it had never come up before since I only had my brother and baby sister to play with. So, as a result, I was teased unmercifully over a physical problem. Later testing revealed that I had a very small and scarred bladder, but sadly, a dorm parent had dubbed me "Leaky Plumbing" and made sure it stuck with the kids. The other kids knew that I was not emotionally strong, and that I would give them the tears they wanted to see. I didn't understand what was happening to me, much less how to stop it, so it went on for most of my stay at K.A. The dorm parents didn't do anything to stop it; some were even part of the problem. They didn't even tell my folks, and I was too ashamed to tell them.

**"Our past determines our capacity to understand and deal with love and all that gives us purpose in this life. If I am not "whole" in understanding love for self, how then can I love others, and mostly, how can I understand a "loving God"?"**

can I love others, and mostly, how can I understand a "loving God"? After all, is not God's love the universal appeal to men? Why is it I am defenseless emotionally and subject to tears any time I experience a certain degree of kindness from another? Truly am I caught by surprise that I am worth someone's kindness or attention? And why am I accused of being defensive? Has my self-worth been damaged to the extent I want no more criticism?

As an observer I have seen the crippling effects of our past in my own family. I have always responded objectively with the pros and cons when asked about the MK experience. And I don't know of anyone brooding on their past; rather it is a confusion I see and a lack of information or insight to deal with the long-reaching effects in our lives. Some have been blessed and have adjusted well, others have had an open wound for a long time, and still others, the middle of the road, have simply been puzzled as to why they feel incomplete.

We are all children and mature at different paces. Yes, we are no different in that we have a responsibility to be faithful in what we have already at-

see others of far greater need. Nevertheless we have been blessed with a society which, more than any other, is as it was intended to be. Therefore, we should be at a decided advantage to become a wholesome and complete personality free from hang-ups so as to minister freely. To what great advantage was our spiritual heritage and godly families when some were robbed of those blessings through the boarding school process? Don't label me. I am from the middle of the road. I have gained much from my past and also have lost some along the way. Yet, I shall praise Him still for so rich a childhood and so great a Help in the days ahead.

My sympathy for all the dear parents who have had all their children's emotional baggage dumped on their laps. God will see us through. And don't forget to count your blessings, you who have fared so well or were merely "scratched" through it all.

Don Price

I am afraid a lot of you will not like what I have to say, but I must speak out.

I was encouraged by some of the letters I have read in the past few issues of **SIMROOTS**. I admired the courage, but

**"...lack of acceptance can be devastating for a child, especially if the child does not have his parents available to support him."**

My folks were hoping very deeply that I was doing well there, and I just couldn't tell them that I was barely coping. Children of that age are not really able to communicate such problems adequately. My mom (a nurse) figured out I had a physical problem and had me tested. But the problem



of teasing continued even after my mom showed them the medical documentation.

This sounds like an insignificant problem, but anyone with kids will tell you that lack of acceptance can be devastating for a child, especially if the child does not have his parents available to support him. As a result, I spent my years there at K.A. as a very lonely and confused child.

I have had a psychologist tell me that I experienced one and possibly sev-

the mission told them to do; everybody else was doing it; they thought they were doing what the Lord wanted them to do.

I think it is important to remember that the early missionaries (the apostle, Paul, for example) did not even marry because they were convinced that if they did, their responsibilities would then lie with their families. You cannot leave your young children in the hands of others for nine months out of the year and say you are doing your best to raise them, especially if you are unable to hand pick these

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eral breakdowns, all of which went completely unnoticed. He also feels that my problems with self-esteem and self-confidence got their start there. I guess I sorta fell through the cracks.

Please understand that I am not looking for sympathy, nor do I believe that my stay at K.A. ruined my life or any other such nonsense. People are absolutely right when they say that we are totally responsible for how we deal with the problems life sends our way. Who and what I am now is totally up to me, and me alone.

So why am I writing? I believe that children of early grade school age do not belong in mission boarding schools. I believe that it was a question of priorities. To serve the Lord in another land is a noble decision of self-sacrifice. I also believe that children are an incredible gift and immense responsibility. (I have two of my own.) On judgement day, we will have to answer for how we raised our children. We are nowhere near as responsible for the lost souls in another land. I understand how my parents saw no contradiction. That was what

people who will care for them. The title "dorm parent" is a sad one. Others simply cannot love and nurture your child the way you can. It's no one's fault; it's just nature. And how well are their backgrounds checked? Even if they do truly love the Lord, they are still human beings, and we all have faults.

Granted, most children who go through mission boarding schools do just fine. But what about the ones who slip through the cracks? Will it be your child? How will you explain to him that your commitment to people in another land was exercised at his expense? He made no such commitment. He will not understand. Children are a fragile commodity. There is no shame in putting them first.

I was also amused to find that some of the ones calling others "wimps" and so on still have not stopped calling others names, if you understand what I mean. But please understand an adult can never be held for his actions as a child, nor would I hold such a petty grudge for so long. I see now that the weakness was mine.

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To those who hurt, I have hurt, too. So did Jesus. That's why He is called the "Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief." "He is touched with the feelings of our infirmities/weaknesses." He not only knows how we feel, He feels those hurt feelings with us. I have found Him to be true to another name of His—Jehovah Rapha—the Lord who heals. He has taken me through years of inner healing. Each step was painful, but the freedom it has brought me has made it worth it all. I share a little of the comfort God and His Word have given me with you now.

First of all, God showed me that many "Bible heroes" also grew up away from home in difficult situations. Moses as a small child grew up in Pharaoh's sister's family. Evil was all around him, yet God was able to make him stand firm. Samuel had to go to the temple and live with Eli the priest as a small child. Eli's sons were wicked and he didn't discipline them which brought God's anger down on them. Yet Samuel grew up loving God and standing firm. Joseph's whole life was unfair. He was torn from family and experienced culture shock. For more than 13 years the lie about his death was believed. He was sold as a slave by his own brothers as a teenager. But God was able to make Joseph stand firm. Joseph's response to all the unfairness in his life gives me hope.

Separation and culture shock hurt. The Bible says, "The devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (I Peter 5:8 & 9). We as wounded and hurting sheep are such easy prey for the devil. So then Peter adds, "Resist him; standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers (and sisters) throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings."

It is a worldwide suffering that we experienced. Heroes in the Bible experienced it. Embassy kids, military kids, kids from divorce, kids of convicts share the pain we experienced. God doesn't waste our sorrows, and



He doesn't leave us in our sorrows. II Corinthians 1:5, "For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows." But one of the laws of the Kingdom is that you have to seek to find.

Peter told Jesus, "We have left everything to follow you. What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to His disciples, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on His glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on 12 thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel. And everyone (*MK's and MK parents, too*) who has left houses or brothers or sisters, or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life" (Matthew 19:27-29).

I know we were separated from our parents when we were so young. For many of us, it was involuntary, and we didn't understand. It has effected our lives. For me, I had to deal with my past and my memories in order to be free to live in today. I did see a counselor for a year or so and the rest has been a journey of my own with God.

I have written up my struggle to overcome the past and its hurts. I wrote it up for you. Just write me if you are interested in receiving a copy. It's 16 typed pages. If you have it to give, \$2.00 will cover printing and postage. Otherwise, we will let God provide. I understand because there was a time when my parents sent me a stamp so I could even write them a letter.

In the holiness and sincerity that are from God . . .

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When the **SIMROOTS** newsletter comes, I feel a sense of dread and confusion. It's funny, actually. I think, "I'll just throw it away this time. I don't want to read it." But, I always do at least glance through it. There is this huge part of me that wants a total break from my past. I just don't know how to incorporate my childhood into my life now. The past seems to hang on to me by a thread, but a thread I can't cut.

I don't believe in coincidences. I have been seeing a counselor (again) because I finally had to admit to the failure of so many relationships in my adult life. My sister gave me a copy of a booklet from Focus on the Family. See if thinking "missionary child" fits the pattern which I am quoting from Focus on the Family.

- \* We guess at what normal is and feel different from other people.
- \* We judge ourselves without mercy.
- \* We take ourselves very seriously, constantly seek approval and affirmation.
- \* We have difficulty with intimate relationships.
- \* We are either very responsible or very irresponsible.
- \* We are terrified of abandonment and will do almost anything to hold onto a relationship rather than experience the painful feeling of abandonment.
- \* We have denied feelings from our traumatic childhood and have lost the ability to express our feelings because they hurt so much. We cannot (*identify*) express even comfortable feelings such as joy or happiness.
- \* We have an overdeveloped sense of responsibility, and it is easy for us to be concerned with others rather than ourselves. Somehow we feel guilty if we stand up for ourselves instead of giving in to others.

When I first heard this material on a Focus on the Family radio broadcast, I recognized myself and my siblings. Hey!

How are these people describing me?

A further (revised) quote from Focus on the Family's booklet:

"A young child first looks to his parents for comfort. Based upon the comfort he receives, he learns to expect that his parents will always be there for him and trusts that his needs will be met. In the (*boarding school environment*), this comfort and trust is not always there. The child learns to suppress his normal emotions and denies that he really needs anyone to comfort him, thus beginning a life that is based on hopelessness and powerlessness. The unwritten rule of the (*dysfunctional*) family often is: "Don't talk, don't trust, don't feel." (*Don't cry!*)"

We did not have parents available to go to for comfort. They were separated from us by distance. They were not "there" for us. We learned not to trust. We denied our normal emotions of pain and tears and denied that we needed anyone. We survived.

Please, please read carefully what I write next. I am NOT attempting to blame or accuse anyone or any organization. I accept my responsibility for my life. I face the consequences of my choices. However, to deny that I lived a lifestyle that was dysfunctional seems part of the above pattern—denial and repression.

I see a pattern that is there and this new insight has been very releasing for me (and Joyce). There are times when as an adult I feel "crazy" because I don't understand the "normal" lifestyles of others who grew up in America, even other Christians. I can't seem to relate and I get so frustrated. I can now see and accept that I'm not crazy. The feelings I have are the results of my learning survival behaviors of denial and repression. My inability to relate is because of my

## SYMPATHY

We'd like to offer our sympathy to the Scheel family in the passing of their father and husband, Dr. Dick Scheel. He died as a result of a heart attack this summer.



choice to hide my pain and not open up because of the fear of being vulnerable. I have known abandonment, powerfully, as a child, and I don't want to face it again. My choice, my responsibility. I am not blaming others.

However, it does help to know how the patterns developed and that I am not alone. There are "approximately 25 million adults in the United States" that are children of alcoholics. I AM NOT SAYING OUR PARENTS WERE ALCOHOLICS. If you read that, you are missing the point! The point is: Replace "alcoholic" with "dysfunctional" in any literature for Adult Children of Alcoholic Parents. The pattern fits even if the disease of alcoholism doesn't. We fit an established, accepted label: Adult Children of Alcoholic (Dysfunctional) Families and the GOOD NEWS is there is help available.

I am enclosing a copy of the Focus on the Family booklet. I would also suggest that anyone who feels effected by what I've written read Dr. Larry Crabb's book entitled *Inside Out*. His book is very powerful. He deals with facing pain—abandonment, death, whatever—and gives hope in continuing in the process of growth, of learning how to love in the midst of pain.

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*Editor's Note: The Focus on the Family booklet Barb sent me was very interesting. I would have loved to include it in SIMROOTS, but it is too long. If this subject interests you, I strongly suggest you contact Focus on the Family, Pomona, Ca. 91799 for a copy. There is helpful information in it. One section describes the problem, another the solution, and another steps to healing and recovery.*

The following poem is taken from the booklet "New Hope for Adult Children of Alcoholics" mentioned above.

### Five Short Chapters in the Book of Recovery

1. I walk down the street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I fall in.  
I am lost . . . I am hopeless.  
It isn't my fault.  
It takes forever to find a way out.
2. I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I pretend I don't see it.  
I fall in again.  
I can't believe I am in the same place.  
But, it isn't my fault.  
It still takes a long time to get out.
3. I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I see it is there.  
I still fall in . . . it's a habit.  
My eyes are open.  
I know where I am.  
It is my fault.  
I get out immediately.
4. I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I walk around it.
5. I walk down another street.

## ADDRESS CHANGES OR NEW ADDRESSES

We are eager to keep the MK list current and we appreciate all your help. It is very important to complete all the following information:

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \*High School graduation year based on U.S. system end of grade 12.

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Schools attended or affiliated with on mission field.

\*Affiliation with school (please check one):

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Thank you for your address contributions!



## MKS: MOBILE, CARING, SPONTANEOUS

by Bob Blaschke, MK Education and Care

With apologies to all MKs from an OP (ordinary person) who nevertheless loves you,

*How can I say hello,  
When I'm hardly through saying  
goodbye.*

These lines from Sue Poyner's (an MK) pen speak volumes about the MK experience.

First, there are the ambivalent feelings about arrivals and departures. A college MK said to me, "I'm worried about going home(overseas) this summer. All will be different." Then, in the next line of his letter he stated, "With my senior year coming up, there's the fear of anticipated leave-taking. I'm sick of goodbyes." While it is true for all of us that life often consists of "goings" and "comings," it is the many, many goodbyes during the MKs' early years that have marked that experience with apprehension and pain.

The mere mechanics (i.e. shots, tickets passports, customs) of moving around from country to country are not a problem for the mobile MK who adapts well to new situations. The down side of moving around, however, is that sometimes it is difficult for MKs to form many deep friendships after high school for fear of having to say goodbye sometime soon. This can also affect their jobs as adults. After a couple of years, they will feel the need for a change and the challenge of a new job somewhere else.

The mobility of the MK tells me that their stability is not usually found in material possessions, nor because they have put down roots somewhere, but rather in relationships. A TCK (third culture kid) told me, "With my

dad's job location being changed on the average of every two years, the only stability I had was my strong family ties." When an MK will borrow a large sum of money to visit a friend for a short period of time, you know that "things" are not a priority.

Though most MKs come from a stable, caring family, the uncertainty of unstable circumstances has taught them to distrust long-range planning. This means then that they are very comfortable with spontaneity. For instance, guys think that to ask a girl for a date a week in advance is just to set one's self up for seven days of worry.

...broken relationships between MKs and people they are to love, honor and respect, ...and the accompanying guilt...prevents them from having that healthy relationship with God. Yet many of those struggling long to really know God.

Save that energy! Just knock on her door, arrange it then and go. Well, at least no sooner than the same day. Fun people, heh?

On the other hand, when there is an emergency need overseas for personnel, such as a famine relief program or a natural catastrophe, MKs are among those first contacted. Their passports are up-to-date, their suitcases are never "unpacked" (in their minds) and they are always ready to travel. There is no philosophical debate with themselves as to the advisability of the trip. Just get a visa, an airplane ticket and be on your way.

As to their desire to travel, there is yet another side that motivates

them and that is sensitivity to people's needs. How does this come about? The missionary family, for the most part, is involved with people. Usually, it is with people who have been spiritually, physically and educationally deprived. Therefore, they have derived great satisfaction from sharing life with these people whom they view as their friends. Selfishness is a characteristic that most MKs don't manifest. Statistics show that 15%-20% of all MKs return overseas. Seventy-five percent of those, who do not, engage in a profession of service to people,

such as a doctor, nurse, social worker, pastor, teacher, etc.

There are, nevertheless, MKs who "are not making it," or "not walking with the Lord" or "not living up to their knowledge." Whatever the term, let's say they are "struggling". The typical prayer for them in the mission community is "...that they might get right with God." In fact, this is fairly common for any struggling believer in the evangelical community. Therefore, it is not just an MK problem.

While it is true that those who are behaving non-Christianly do need to right their relationship with the Lord, are we just as sensitive to broken relationships



with fellow workers and our family? A Christian psychiatrist at Harvard University is said to have declared that 95% of the

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time the reason people are struggling or dysfunctional can be traced back to a broken relationship, often involving the father. Matthew has already reminded us that reconciliation with God is contingent on being reconciled to man. "First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your gift." (Matthew 5:24, 6:14,15)

Hurts do come to everyone in life. However, let's not forget that the missionary family is particularly susceptible to broken or dysfunctional relationships. Missionaries are so highly motivated to "do God's will," that we, especially fathers and administrators, tend to be insensitive to our MKs' needs when making station or ministry changes. Furlough and the boarding school experience involves many separations from family and friends.

Each separation is fraught with pain which, if not handled realistically and honestly, will send the wrong message to our children. Just like real parents, dorm parents have also had their share of handing out unjust and undeserved discipline.

All this results in broken rela-

tionships between MKs and people they are to love, honor and respect, but can't. It is the broken relationship with these people and the accompanying guilt that prevents them from having that healthy relationship with God. Yet many of those struggling long to really know God.

What do you do the next time you see a "struggling" MK? Listen without being defensive about your own action or the dorm parent's or the mission administrator's. Do not throw proof texts at them (they have heard them all many times over). Just let them talk. You may have to apologize and get or give forgiveness. It is more than likely that given an opportunity to right a relationship and given an understand-

ing of the real source of their hurts, a struggling MK will be able to "get right with God" (if that's the term you use).

The intensity of "hellos" and "goodbyes" will always be there for the MK. However, if they feel understood, they won't feel so alone.

The MK's poem goes on to say:

*Jesus, you too left your home,  
So you know the pain inside;  
But you faced your world  
So ready to give,  
Now I need the courage  
To live as you did.*

That, at least in part, is what it means to be an MK.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Doreen Corey was married  
July 15, 1989  
to Darren Posey.

Denise Fawley ('85) was  
married to Randall Chism August 12, 1989.

Beth Stilwell ('82) married Dan Long August 19, 1989.

Brian Harling ('79) and Carol Williams ('85) were married on December 30, 1989 in Rock Hill, SC.

Doris Dubisz ('83) married Steve Sell April 7, 1990 in Tega Cay, SC. Steve is a tentmaker missionary to Japan.

Daniel John DeValve arrived in the home of John and Nancy (Hall) DeValve on February 23, 1989.

Jorge and Heidi (Zobrist) Guzman welcomed Linda Irene on March 8, 1989. They live in Switzerland.

Meg (Todd) and Dick Ackley adopted a little girl Kristen Joy at 2 wks. on March 17, 1989.

Cherith Olivia-Jean was born in Addis to David and Marian (Hunter) Welling on April 23, 1989.

Jamie Daroff (2) and parents Pam (Long) and Dave Daroff welcomed Katrina Josephine (Katie) on May 11, 1989.

Meghan Lee joined Beti (Blaschke), '81 and Hugo Vargas on August 18, 1989. They live in Bolivia.

Karl Winston was born to Doug and Donna Adams September 20, 1989.



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Each of these schools needs a representative. If you attended any of these and are receiving this newsletter, would you be willing to consider being a rep.? This is your newsletter as well, and if you would like to keep in touch with your friends from these schools, here is an avenue already in place. All you have to do is write in!



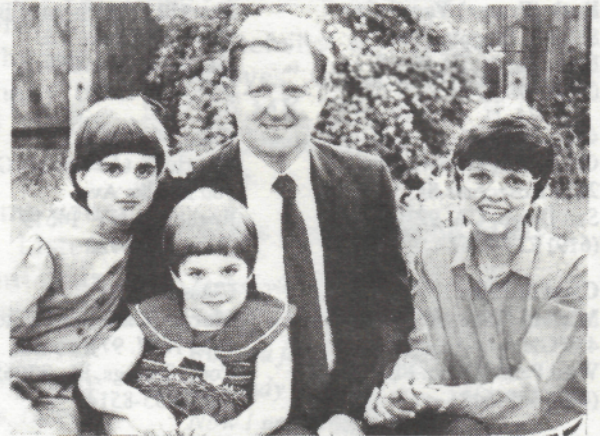
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Before beginning this section, I would like to clarify that graduates from all SIM schools are included and all SIM MK's who attended other mission schools are included. Wouldn't you like to hear from friends who attended Ivory Coast or Carachipampa or Faith Academy with you? Please feel free to write in to **SIMROOTS**. Remember to include the name of your school, your high school graduation year, and your maiden name.

### The 60's

#### **Jack & Cathy Rendel '63, K.A.**

Jack has been preaching, counseling, and listening to the Operation Mobilization leaders in France, Mexico, Morocco, Spain, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. It was wonderful to have Jack's sister Nancy visit us in May. The house we have moved into here in England has needed a lot of work, much of which Jack has done himself, but we are realizing more and more this house is right for us.



Jack & Cathy Rendel  
Susan, Caroly

#### **Glen & Carol (Guth) Coleman '66, '68, K.A., B.A.**

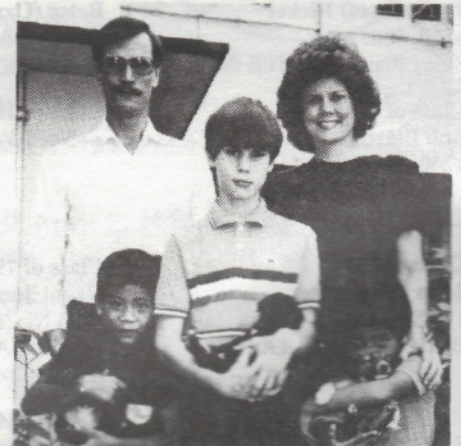
Moving seems to be the story of our life! We have been asked to go to Canada to work in the SIM office in Toronto this fall. Glen would look after the computers. Carol's health has remained good; thank you for praying!

#### **Edith (Todd) Hoving '68, K.A., H.C.**

Our family keeps active with various activities involving church, sports, and school. Jack and I are still involved with the Boys' Brigade and Pioneer Girls clubs at our church. All of us are still playing soccer during soccer season. Laura and Linda take flute lessons, Julie is keeping up with guitar. I am now working part-time at Montgomery Wards. My hours correspond with school hours, so I am grateful for that. We had a family reunion in Texas over Christmas vacation which included Dick and Meg (Ackley) who are on furlough from Nigeria. (They have since returned to Nigeria.)

#### **Terril & Sylvia (Bergman) Eikenberry '69, K.A., H.C.**

HEED's leadership is changing, and a well qualified Bangladesh woman has just been selected by the board as the Executive Director Elect. She will take over from Terril in January. We've been in Bangladesh over 6 years with Terril's being the Director of a consortium of missions forming an organization called HEED (Health, Education, and Economic Development) which does development and relief here. We are involved with an Anglo-Indian church, and I help with music for the services. Our son Ivan is in 6th grade and the twins are in 3rd. I have reentered the teaching field with a class of kindergarteners from many different countries.



Terril & Sylvia Eikenberry  
Ivan, Tobias, Tim

#### **Judy (Ratzlaff) & Don Klassen '69, K.A., H.C.**

After resigning from our previous assignment with Global Outreach Mission several years ago, Don began a small remodeling business which provided for us and gave us the break we needed from the demands of public ministry. Two years ago we phased out the business and accepted the opportunity of full time ministry at Sardis Community Church. Soon after that we moved to a different home in Yarrow after finally finishing fixing up our beautiful old home and selling it. Naturally, the home we moved to also was a fixer-upper, having had quite a serious fire in it. I am be-



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coming more and more involved with the church youth along with Don in addition to directing a children's musical and speaking at a weekend ladies' retreat. I also teach piano. We have three wonderful daughters.

### Fay (Smith) Schneider '69, K.A., H.C.

After many years of abuse, Fay moved out of her marriage and has been living with her parents and helping them out. She has a daughter, Nicole, in 4th grade and a son, Nicholas, in 2nd grade. Her mother is dealing with Parkinson's Disease and her dad is recovering from a heart attack. She writes also, "If you see John Price, tell him thanks for his letters of support. What a wonderful family we have when we love God."



Don & Judy Klassen  
Melissa, Sharalee, Shantini

### Carol (Pullen) & Dick Sterken '69, K.A., H.C.

Dick, Jr. is in 12th grade, Dan in 10th, David in 7th. They are getting so grown up—I'm not getting any older, though!!

### Kathy (Braband) Wilder '69, K.A., H.C.

Kitty continues at school taking all the basics. She is not sure yet what she will major in but she is busy marking off what is not a possibility—the process of elimination. She also works part-time with a partnership that handles retirement plans. As a psychologist, Jim has a very busy work schedule with missionaries, missionary kids, severe trauma cases, multiple personality cases, etc. Last February Jim spoke at a conference on spiritual warfare on the aspects of satanic abuse and how to tell the difference between multiple personalities and demons. We have two teen-age sons who keep life interesting and the taxi going!



Jim & Kathy Wilder  
James, Rami

### Jan (Draper) Winter '69, K.A.



Wedding plans cancelled my previous plans to attend the Texas reunion. Jay and I were married in an outdoor wedding on August 5, 1988, with my dad officiating. Along with a husband, I gained an instant family with a daughter, Nicoe, age 18, and a son, Chad, age 15. Nicoe is a freshman in college and Chad is a sophomore in high school. Immediately following our honeymoon we began Jay's campaign bid for election to the position of County Commissioner and were successful. I'm still working as a court reporter for the county. We also own a Christian bookstore, The Commentary, here in town. We hope very much to be able to attend the next reunion.

Jay & Jan(Draper) Winter



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## The 70's

### **Joy (Modricker) Loewen '70, B.A.**

We were in Pakistan for ten years with TEAM and have two children. We have recently returned to Canada and have just bought a house in Winnipeg and are in the process of starting a full time ministry with international students at the university. Along with that, I am taking a two-year writing course. I have always wanted to write stories—maybe a book.



Ed & Joy Loewen  
Christina, John

### **Becky (Lapsley) Black '71, B.A.**

I'm one of those lost Binghamites you wrote about in the last issue, and I've just discovered two more right near me here—Ruth Iwan Rogers and Beth Welling Junge. Getting together with them, the Kleinsassers (SIM reps) and an Ethiopian family who's moved nearby has been fun! We left Ethiopia on a somewhat emergency basis in '64 because of my mother's health. I was in 5th grade, Bonnie in 3rd, and Barbara in 1st. We returned to Dallas, Tx. but my heart was still very much in Ethiopia. I got my degree in nursing from Biola University and married Dave Black from Hawaii. Dave got his D. Theo. from the U. of Basel in Switzerland and is now at Grace Seminary West in Long Beach, Ca. He does a lot of linguistics/Greek scholarly work as well as teaching, and we hope one day to do mission work in this capacity. I have spent 13 years in intensive care nursing and am now changing careers into financial planning. We have two boys: Nathan 6 and Matthew 4. Between home schooling them, caring for a third acre with 17 fruit trees and chickens, working, and helping Dave, I (usually) manage to keep out of trouble.

My sister **Bonnie** is a pastor's wife and mother of three beautiful children. Dale James, her husband, pastors West Salem Baptist Church in Salem, Oregon.

**Barbara** married Quinton Morris, an architectural engineer, and has a baby boy, Joshua. They live in Taylors, N.C.

**Beverly** is single, living near L.A. and working in international personnel development.

**Ben** is single, a CPA with Arthur Andersen in Charlotte, N.C.

**Lisa** is also single, living in Texas, getting a graduate degree in special education, working with hearing impaired. My father "Tex" has been in commercial and industrial real estate in Dallas and served many years on the Dallas Inde. School Board. The Lord gradually improved my mom's health after we returned from Ethiopia; she got her college degree (along with the rest of us!) in Music Education and now enjoys playing her flute in symphonies, etc. and teaching.

Don't forget to call us if you need a roof in the L.A. area!



### **Lloyd & Darlene (Rashleigh) Oppel '71, B.A., R.V.A.**

Lloyd and I came to Thailand in 1982. We are working with Overseas Missionary Fellowship in a church planting ministry. Hanni (9) goes to boarding school in Malaysia. Caleb (5), and Vikki (3)—not to mention us—are counting the days until she comes home. (This was sent in June.) We plan to be in Canada for home assignment June through December '89.

Lloyd & Darlene Oppel  
Hanni, Caleb Vikki



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### Dick & Meg (Todd) Ackley '72, K.A., H.C.



**Our big news:** We received a phone call while we were in Columbia, S.C. from the Loving Alternative Adoption Agency. They had a little girl for us! She was born March 1 with strawberry blonde hair much like Jeffrey's when he was born. We have named her Kristen Joy and she is bringing much joy to our family. We only applied with the agency in January and never expected a baby so soon! Loving Alternatives is a Christian ministry who give priority to couples in full time Christian work. The timing of all this could only be orchestrated by God! We have been asked to consider filling in for the academic supervisor at K.A. (Nigeria) who will be on furlough this next school year. We feel that this is what the Lord would have us do. So we will be at K.A. for one year, then return to Hillcrest High School for fall, 1990.

Dick & Margaret Ackley  
Jeffrey

### Karen (Seger) & Scott Keegan '72, K.A., H.C.

It was a whirlwind summer for us with multiple moves between trying to sell our house in Georgia and buying one here in Michigan. At the same time, the Keegan hotel was in full swing with visits from various friends. Our daughter Sharon is in 2nd grade this year, and Cindy is in kindergarten. Katie will turn 2 in October, and Scott, well, you could send him a sympathy card—he hit the big FOUR-ZERO. As for me, I'm in a sort of survival mode right now. What will I do with my time when I don't have to think about packing and moving?! Scott has been encouraged with the progress at the radio station, though the pressure is still on. The engineer is going to Texas to build a station for HCJB World Radio to reach into Mexico. That leaves all the work for Scott, the sole employee. "One day at a time" continues to be our motto.



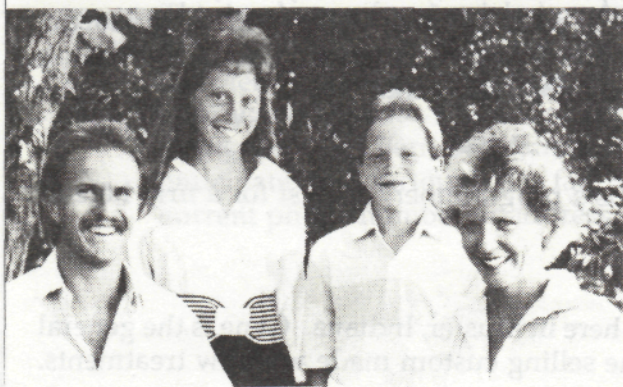
Scott & Karen (Seger) Keegan  
Sharon, Cindy, Katie

### Lynn (Hershelman) Shepard '72, K.A.

Lynn passed her eighth anniversary with the Navy on December 18, 1988. She is now the "Leading Petty Officer" for the area where she works (the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute). They do all physicals on people who are applying to the Navy's Aviation program. She supervises 12-14 others who actually do the physicals.

Her sister Lois married Kevin about three years ago at Kirk Memorial Chapel and is now living in Boca Raton, Fl. Laura is in Ethiopia with her parents teaching second grade at Bingham Academy. She was due home this summer.

### Glenys (Welch) Sweetman '72, K.A.



My husband and I have been in Cameroun for the past ten years serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators first as a language team in the north, then directing the 3-month orientation program for all Wycliffe new workers coming to Africa. Currently we're in New Zealand on furlough and God willing, on July 3rd we'll return to Africa, but this time to Kenya. Our two kids will be able to attend a day school there. Gary and I will run the Business Service Office for all our workers in East Africa. We're pleased to serve missionaries in this practical way and also work daily with Kenyans. We love

Gary & Glenys Sweetman  
Sasha, Stephen



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Africa, but of course would never claim it to be all easy.

The rest of my family is well and continue with the Lord here in New Zealand and my sister in Australia. We had a wonderful Christmas all together—the first in 12 years!

### **Becky (Ely) Young '72, B.A.**

I always enjoy hearing from the Binghamites, especially. I am writing because I'd like to throw out another MK topic for feedback. We're raising our four children ranging in age from four to eleven. I'd like ideas on how to help them know and love their missionary grandparents whom they rarely see, and then only for short times. My parents are still in Ethiopia and if grandparents are mentioned by my children they probably mean Paul's parents who live only three hours away. They are proud of having missionary grandparents, but they don't really know them. Any suggestions?

I graduated from Bryan College where I met my husband, Paul Young. We stayed in Tennessee after college. (I guess I'm one of the unusual MK's in that, given my choice, I will stay put.) I am a homemaker and Paul works for the La-Z-Boy chair company. We are active in Grace Bible Church here. I feel my MK background has been a real asset in my participation in mission committees and fellowships in our church.

### **Steve & Beaj (Lacey) Beacham '73, K.A., H.C.**

We have moved from K.A. to Jos, Nigeria where we are hostel houseparents. Last year we had 2 students, so they just became part of our family. Steve is working at the Athletic Director at Hillcrest, as well. After a long day at school, he gets to start on all the hostel projects! We are very busy but also very satisfied with what we're doing. We are both involved in Bible Study Fellowship here in Jos as well. Steve is involved in an outreach to young men in Jos through basketball.

### **Peter Dreisback '73, K.A.**

It was a joy to meet with other SIM'ers at our sister school, Bingham Academy, last February when I visited for a week at the International Livestock Centre for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. I attended K.A. in the early 60's. After graduating from high school in the U.S., I attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (A.S.), the University of Georgia (B.S.A.), Clemson University (M.Ag.Ed.), and Texas A&M University (Ph.D.) I taught high school vocational agriculture in Washington, Georgia and teacher education at Western Kentucky University. I am currently Director of the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center in Hardinsburg, Kentucky. Also, I am a Consultant with the Department of Education with supervisory functions. I married Cynthia Bumgarner in '78, and we have a fine 5-year-old son.

### **David Foxall '74, K.A.**

We returned from five years in Chad this past July (a year ago?). My wife Justine is back at grad. school (M. Ed.) and I'm fortunate to have a job already for three months. I travel to the Caribbean and East Africa.

### **Cindy (Rutt) Jenkins '74, H.C.**

After graduation at Hillcrest, I attended Tennessee Temple University and met Jared Jenkins there. He is an MK from India! We were married in '80 and arrived in Surinam October '81 as missionaries. We are with Fellowship of Independent Missions and we are working with East Indian young people. We have three precious children—Bethany 5, Justin 4, and Luke 1.

### **Karen (Braband) Mertes '74, K.A., H.C.**

We moved to Brainerd, Mn. a year ago. My husband is a programmer/analyst for a firm here in town. We have two children; Miriam is 8 and Aaron 6.

### **Jill (Sonius) Podell '74, H.C.**

Gene and I have been working at the Carpetland USA here in Muster, Indiana. Gene is the general manager, while I've been running from home to home selling custom made window treatments.



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We have a 4-year-old daughter. My brother, Lee, and his wife, Michelle, are in ELWA where he is the radio station director and Michelle is the secretary to the General Manager. I keep in touch with a few of you—Karen Braband, Jim Knowlton, Sara Haney, Cynthia Rutt, and Tim Geysbeek.

### Jim & Shirley Poole '74, K.A.

Our lives have been in a somewhat chaotic and hectic condition for the last 8 or 9 months. Late last summer I got an invitation to interview with American Airlines for a pilot position. After four months of an interview process, I made it and started school in early January. God blessed us with a DFW base assignment which allowed us to be together as a family the first 6 months of the job. We've now moved and are somewhat settled here in Texas. Adrienne (7) made the transition of schools very well and is in 2nd grade. Kelsi is 4. Shirley works for the "competition". Actually, she works for a business that provides schedule trading/swapping and bidding service for Delta Airlines' pilots and flight attendants. Anyone coming through Dallas/Ft. Worth, we'd love to hear from you. '74'ers, keep in touch.

### Eldon Porter '74, K.A.

It's a beautiful "Indian Summer" day here in LaPaz, Bolivia. We have been thinking of trying to get some kind of youth activity going in our home. We don't have a particular gift in working with kids in this age bracket, but there is a very definite need and no one else around to meet it. Becky may soon be starting a morning ladies' study as well. We covet your prayers for us daily. I just had a meeting with a high government official who has the responsibility of "controlling" the evangelicals. I can't say much, but do pray regarding the growing persecution in Bolivia.

### Don & Lisa VerLee '74, K.A.

We have three kids now—Mike 5, Heather 3, and David 1. Don just received his MSM at Lake Forest College and has been at Abbott Labs for almost nine years. We look forward to seeing you in 1991.

### Don Price '75, K.A., H.C.



I've been married six years to Deb, an Ohio girl. We have a daughter 4 and a son 2. We are living in Columbia, S.C. and I am working for a family friend as Groundskeeping Supervisor. We attend a PCA church where I am a Deacon and am on the missions committee. I enjoy fishing and hunting as hobbies. I am excited about making my past relevant to today in my involvement with the missions committee and spiritual accountability as Deacon. Of course, my precious family is foremost!

Don & Deb Price  
Jessica, Shane

### Mari Haney '76, K.A.

This has been a fun year! In January I left for a 3-week vacation in Tanzania and England. I was in Mbeya, Tanzania visiting my sister Sarah (Haney) Bell and her family. I'm not sure if they were happier to see me or my luggage as I created Christmas in January with the gifts I brought from family and friends. I was kept busy with visits to coffee and tea estates, mountain climbing, and flying with the Vern Bell family to a game park in northern Tanzania for a couple of days! We anticipate their furlough this fall. In May I moved to Chicago from Indiana. Anyone wanting my current phone number or address, it is listed on the reps. list.



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### **Helene Warkentin '76, K.A., H.C.**

This summer I am taking yet another French course. In the fall, I will once again be teaching Jr. Hi. English and Social Studies to MK's at Sahel Academy in Niamey, Niger. This year of furlough was a good year; as I anticipate returning to Niger, I have two goals. First, to find ways to integrate biblical principles into my daily teaching routine, and secondly, to find ways of sharing the gospel with African women with whom I have limited contact.

### **Roy & Joyce (Lees) Nickel '77, K.A., H.C.**

We are proud to announce Christina Joanne's arrival July 8. The months preceeding her birth brought many changes. Nathaniel's adoption was finalized mid-November after 8 months. In January we concluded our ministry at Beach Corner Evangelical Free Church. Beginning in May we accepted the ministry of Quill Lake Evangelical Free Church.

### **Carol (Pollen) Humphreys '78, K.A., H.C.**

Ron and I were married in June 1981. He was a newly commissioned Army Lieutenant. During our first few months of marriage, Uncle Sam moved us to Ky., Ga., and then on to Al. for helicopter training. In January 1983 we left the U.S. for West Germany. After living there for 3 years (a great experience!) we were sent back to Al. In 1987, Ron resigned his active duty commission and we moved back to the northeast where both our families are settled (Md.) Ron now works for a chemical company and also part-time in the Delaware National Guard. I keep busy with our 3 children—Danny 6, Diana 3, and Brian 1. Being a full-time mom/homemaker is a very challenging and rewarding job. Anyone passing through Delaware, please look us up!

### **Rick & Elizabeth (Godbold) Arnold '79, K.A.**

In June, 1989, we were accepted as missionary appointees with PIONEERS. It was founded in 1979 and has the primary commitment to work among people and in areas of the world where no church exists and no other agency is working. Our next step is French language school in Quebec, Canada, after which we will be going to Senegal, West Africa. They are an ethnic group who were forcibly converted to Islam in the eleventh century, but have since then become among the most learned, fervent, propagating Muslims in West Africa.

## **The 80's**

### **Anita (Paternoster) & Lee Talmage '80, K.A., H.C.**

Upon graduating from Moody Bible Inst. (Bible Theology), I married Lee Talmage (MBI grad., Communications). We met in Hickory Corners, Mi. in '80, but chose to settle in Chicago where I already had a job working for 5 orthopedic surgeons at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. I began by representing the doctors and their patients in insurance and legal matters. While working there, I was introduced to a friend who was an acupuncture therapist. She introduced me to the field of massage therapy, and in '87 I graduated from the Chicago School of Massage Therapy as a Certified Massage Therapist. Our son Zachariah Lee Talmage (Zach) was born in '88 with a midwife. After a couple months of taking him to Lee's computer job for Lee to bring home while I worked evenings, we decided to change our lifestyle. We became property managers with Oakwood Dev. Co. where we now manage a 12-story building on the north side of Chicago. I am now joining a massage clinic in Evanston, and this fall I will start an Infant Massage Program at the Crisis Pregnancy Center through our church, Jesus People, USA. I look forward to the challenge!

### **Scott & Brenda (Adams) Sheppard '80/'83, K.A., H.C.**

We will be going on Special Short Term assignment with SIM to Liberia in April 1990 for a year or so. Scott will be supervising ELWA Press and Brenda will be doing the travel coordinating for the missionaries. Already we have been asked to teach the High School Sunday School Class at ELWA Academy. God has provided for our going in many exciting ways which if I shared them all would probably fill an issue of **SIMROOTS**! Truly we do serve a wonderful God.



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### Frank Dubisz '81, K.A., H.C.

Following an exciting time of ministry and fun in Benin, Frank returned to the US for furlough in April of 1990. He will be here for several months before returning to Benin. He was able to return in time for his sister Doris' wedding April 7 in Tega Cay, SC. It was good to see all the family together for this exciting event.

### Megan Hunter '84, B.A.

Graduated from UNC-Charlotte this spring. She is starting a new life and job in Long Beach, CA working at St. Mary's Hospital.

### Elizabeth Ricker '84, B.A., RVA

Graduated this spring from Wheaton College. Went to Ethiopia this past summer and will be teaching at a Jr. High School in the Wheaton area this year.

### Ken Daniels '86, K.A., H.C.

Would appreciate prayers for effectiveness in his new position as vice president of campus ministries at LeTourneau College where he will be a senior this year. He will be responsible for arranging the spiritual activities and ministries for the student body.

### Alan J. Shea '86, ICA, ELWA

A sophomore at Houghton College. Works for the amaintenance Dept. and is treasurer for the shcool's World Missions Fellowship (a chapter of InterVarsity). Worked on a summer evangelism project in the National Parks in the NY area.

### Carol (Williams) & Brian Harling '86/'79, K.A.

Carol graduated from Pensacola Christian College in December 1989 and married Brian Harling on December 30, '89. Brian still works for SIM USA as head of the computer department and Carol works for Duke power in Rock Hill. They live in Rock Hill, SC.

### The Blaschke family (sent in by parents)

**Philip, '86**—Will graduate from John Brown Univeristy May 5, '90. He will be marrying Noel Gresham, May 25, 1990 in Dallas, Tx. They will be making their home in the Charlotte, NC area.

**Stephen, '84, K.A.**—Stephen is a dorm director at Baylor University. He and Susan are working their graduate degrees.

**Bob & Charlene (Hide), '79, K.A., H.C.**—They have made us proud grandparents for the second time. Robert James arrived last November.

**Beti, '81, K.A., H.C.**—Beti has moved to Bolivia with her husband. She had their first baby child, Meghan Lee, August 18, 1898.



L to R: Charlene, Melanie, Bob Jr., Joel, Bob Sr., Beti, Hugo, Carol Lee, Philip, Stephen, Susan



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## Jean Campbell Staff, K.A., Sahel

Since May I have been in the U.S. on medical leave, but in August I plan to return to Niamey, Niger as principal of Sahel Academy. There are five members on staff there who will not be new this year. With my own health restrictions, I will be depending quite heavily on their help this year. I hope there will be enough staff to meet the needs, so that once we are set up, I will be there as a resource person when they need help. Please pray that this will be able to work.

## Rose Roth, Staff, H.C.

I am working on my dissertation at Trinity Seminary in Deerfield, Il., and the first chapter is due the end of October. God has placed me as the president of Trinity Missions Fellowship on the seminary campus. The purpose of TMF is to promote missions among the students, faculty, and staff. (This is what my dissertation is all about, only focused on Igbaja Seminary.)

*That's it for now. SIMROOTS staff wishes all of you a*

**Happy  
Easter  
Season!**

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